

New Mexico – This Thursday, August 12, Congressman Harry Teague will continue his series of roundtable discussions on his new “Veterans’ Bill of Rights” with a morning meeting at the VFW Post in Carlsbad. The roundtable event, comprised of local veterans and veterans’ service organization representatives, will focus on further improving the proposal, which Teague intends for Congress to use as a guide as it seeks to improve benefits and services for veterans. Teague will be hearing input from participants on what should be included in the bill, and how to achieve the goals of the legislation.

Congressman Teague, New Mexico’s only representative on the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee, unveiled a draft proposal of the Veterans’ Bill of Rights during his address to the New Mexico Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Albuquerque. Since announcing the initiative, Teague has held over ten roundtable events focused on the project throughout southern New Mexico. In addition, he hosted a Telephone Town Hall for veterans in July to ensure that the ideas of as many veterans and others as possible from across the district are involved in the development of the proposal. During the forum, Teague spoke with over 1,000 veterans and other constituents, answering questions about the Veterans’ Bill of Rights as well the new guidelines announced by the Department of Veterans Affairs that will improve access to PTSD treatment for veterans.

Local veterans and their families and friends, as well as all interested media, are encouraged to attend.

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

WHAT: “Veterans’ Bill of Rights” Roundtable

WHERE: VFW Post #8703, 1916 San Jose Blvd., Carlsbad

WHEN: 9:30-10:30 AM

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